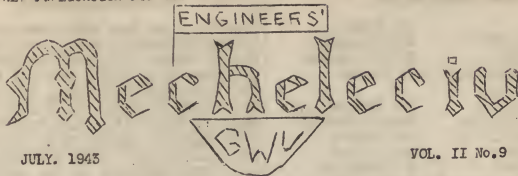


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ENGINEERS' "MIXER"

The Engineers' "Mixer", held on Wednesday, June 16th proved highly successful and entertaining despite the fact that more students should have been present. Those absent missed a swell time and the chance to meet our professors and fellow "engineers."

Highlight of the evening was the Dean's informal talk. Dean Feikor, recognizing our anxiety and efforts to complete our engineering courses here at G. W. U. as soon as possible, cited problems we'll meet in the war-time world and opportunities for engineers in the post-war period. Due respect must be paid to the engineers. (Con't. page 3)

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF

In the last edition, The Mecheleciv called for help. As a result, four men volunteered their aid. They are Henry Heine, Larry Oakley, Bob Shapiro, and Everett Alexis, who has been made News Editor. This number, however, is far from sufficient to fulfill our needs and any others who feel the urge to engage in "newspaper" work, just drop your name into the Mecheleciv Box outside the Dean's office. Everybody is welcome to contribute at all times. Anything at all will be appreciated. We'll enjoy hearing from you.

THE DEAN'S BULLETIN BOARD

"Stars In Our Service Flap"

One of the satisfying reasons for being a dean, is to be hailed unexpectedly in some plant or government department with a cheerful "Hello, Dean".

Friday, July 2nd., at the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Naval Research Laboratory that happened to me again, as it has so often as I visit about in the government laboratories and in engineering departments. Not only did several undergraduates speak a friendly "Hello", but the party of admirals,

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ENGINEERS' SCHEDULE

- July 7 - Engineering Societies
Short Sigma Tau
- 14 - Short Theta Tau
Engineers' Council
- 21 - Long Sigma Tau
- 28 - Long Theta Tau
- Aug. 1 - Next Issue of Mecheleciv
- 4 - Engineering Societies
Short Sigma Tau

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THE MAN IN CORCORAN 15

Able guiding the Engineering School of George Washington University is a man to whom each one of us can point with great pride and say "He's our Dean." Dean Frederick M. Feiker whose biography occupies a relatively large portion in Who's Who in Engineering (see column on right) has influenced the lives of many embryonic engineers in this institution. No man in such a high position is as easily approached as Our Dean. Freely giving of his precious time, the Dean makes a point of attending as many of the engineering society meetings as he is able. When he gets up to speak, one perks up his ears and tries to absorb everything the Dean says. No one ever goes wrong when he follows the advice of our leader.

In his column in this issue the Dean speaks of his visit to the Naval Research Laboratory. We undergrads were proud as peacocks when we saw him on the speaker's stand surrounded by senators, admirals, and the like. It was only fitting that our Dean be placed among the nation's notables.

NOTES TO THE STAFF

Dear(?)columnists:

For the Mecheleciv's sake, please get your columns in on time!!!

Affectionately yours,
The Editors

ENGINEERS AND PEOPLE

(This is taken from "Who's Who in Engrg." Feiker, Frederick Morris, Dean, Sch. of Engrg., George Washington Univ., Wash., D.C.; b. Northampton, Mass., June 14, 1904; edn. Worcester Poly. Inst., B.S.M.E. 1904, Hon. Dr. Engrg.(1938); Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Sigma Xi; Sigma Tau; Theta Tau; Omicron Delta Kappa; m. Elizabeth B. Campbell, Oct. 3, 1906; ch: 3 sons; 4 daughters (Ed. Note - The daughters are the source of all the jokes the Dean tells); Advertising Dept., Gen. Elec. Co., 1905-07; Edl. Dir., System and Factory mags., 1907-15; Ed., Elec. World, 1915-18; V.-P., McGraw-Hill Publ. Co., 1918-20; Ass't to Secy of Commerce, Hrebert Hoover, 1921-23; Oper. V.-P., The Soc. of Elec. Devel., 1923-27; Mng. Dir., Assoc. Bus. Papers, N.Y., 1927-31; Dir., Bureau of For. & Dom. Commerce, Wash. D.C., 1931-33; Cons., The Textile Foundation, Wash., D.C., 1933-34; Exec. Secy., Am. Engrg. Council, Wash., D.C.; Dean, Sch. of Engrg., George Washington Univ., 1934 to date; Dir., Northampton Cutlery Co.; Mem. A.I.E.E., A.S.M.E., S.P.E.E., A.A.A.S., Wash. Soc. of Engrs.; Clubs: Engrs.(N.Y.), Cosmos(Wash.).

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captains, and commanders in which I found myself with one other lone civilian, was manouvered thru the secrets of one of the laboratories by one of our own engineering graduates in uniform, Lt. Roesser. I felt very much a part of the group and found that several of our graduates and undergraduates have taken up the work of this great research laboratory.

G.W.U. has a right to be proud of the contributions of her engineering graduates to the work of war. In uniform and out, scores of our alumni and undergraduates are serving Uncle Sam here in Washington and around the world. Some day we must have a roster and list the stars in our service flag - not only those who serve in uniform, but also those in the less glamorous but important engineering and technical civilian services of the nation.

Dean Frederick M. Feiker

M.E. and YOU

"M.E. and You" is now beginning its second year. Summer school is in full swing and we are all ready to have the first meeting of the semester. It's to be held at the usual time, Wednesday evening, July 7th, at 8:30, in Room D-203. We'll have a good program, and, as usual, the best eats of any Society in the Engineering School.

Dirk Brady, who graduated last semester, left Thursday for a position in the Merchant Marine. Good luck, Dirk, and let us know what you are doing.

The biggest M.E. news of the month is that Bob McCullough, a January grad, is going to be married some time this month. "Jumbo" Dedick is destined to be the best man. Incidentally, Bob is doing some work with infra-red reflection in Akron, Ohio, but is coming home to be married. Bob will probably be "haltered" (see "School Daze") before this column goes to press again, so heret's wishing him the best of luck.

Omer Long, another June grad, is now working with the Cooper-Bessmer Co. out in Ohio. He dropped a card to Dave Haupt a little while ago and said he was doing some engine vibration analysis and likes the work very much. (So it might be a good idea for all you little ME's to pay a little more attention to your Mechanical Vibrations course this semester - Ed. note)

Don't forget the meeting Wednesday nite - we'll be looking for you.

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ing faculty, he said, some of whom, only through difficulty, are able to remain here and give us their invaluable instruction. "Our Engineering School owes much of its progress and advancement to the fine leadership, solidarity and unity of purpose of the three Engineering Societies," Dean Feiker remarked, stressing also the importance of membership in a society while in school.

Aside from the more serious tone of his talk, Dean Feiker gave a very humorous (Con't page 4)

SHORT CIRCUITS

With their usually active minds working overtime, a small group of hardy EE's roamed o'er the countryside in a successful attempt to have a party at Prof. Akers' manse (we know the word without looking it up). The purpose of this visit was to inspect and give approval (naturally!) of the Prof's Victory Garden; to eat, as usual; to drink, naturally, and to walk home in the rain, as was expected. All this took place last June 13, but it's not really old news because we are still talking about it and planning our next party, the Akers and Draft Board will-ing.

Under the baton of our new leader, Ned Schreiner, we started our new season at the conclusion of the last Mixer. To refresh your memories—the question of society pins was brought up. Most of the members of other societies sport their pins, but do we? Answer—next issue. Also the giving of a gift to the person presenting the best paper of the year entitling him to membership in the senior society was discussed. Chairmen of the major committees were appointed. They are: Membership—Heine; Program—Barauk and Bondy; Publicity—Toffolo. Let's get working men!

Plans for the next meeting have been made and all signs point towards an "out of this world" meeting. The guest speaker will be Mr. J. L. Harrison of the Public Roads Administration (CE's take note) who will talk on "Engineering Opportunities in Latin America". Remember, fellows, the cry is no longer "Go West, young man", but it's "Go South America, young man". Come to the meeting and get the real lowdown. Time and place will be announced, but it's this Wednesday.

RECOMMENDED READING

Lou Berkley's article in the June issue of "Product Engineering" on "Characteristics on Variable Speed Drives."

AM. SOC. C. E.

"If we can't get new members, by golly, we'll make our own." With these words, Vice-Pres. Kilpatrick, Sect. Skiles, and Tros. Copeland each produced a new C.E. The Pres. and Council member couldn't be reached for explanations. We congratulate you new and proud papas and offer words of encouragement to the rest of the chapter - especially the married ones.

At the last meeting of the Executive Council, the discussion turned to "Membership". ((Mr. R. goes on to say that ALL C.E.'s should join the Am.Soc.C.E., but we can't give him all the space now - the Editors))

The new committee chairmen are: Program-Harry Ballmer; Membership-George Cunney; Refreshments-Floyd Linton; Publicity-James Scholl.

The next meeting this Wednesday 7, at 8:30 will be held with the E.E.'s in D-105. See E.E. column for details.

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ous definition of a "Dean" as being "one who is too smart to teach, and too dumb to be president."

Fred Holcomb, president of the Engineers' Council, presided, introducing the presidents of Sigma Tau, Honorary Fraternity, Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity and the three societies A.S.C.E., A.S.M.E., and A.I.E.E.

At the end of the meeting, societies held a short business meeting in separate rooms, and every thing was wound up with the refreshments, of which Ray Casella said, between mouthfuls "the best refreshments were the best in many a year."

THETA TAU

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! Theta Tau announces a song drive and contest for the brothers. In order to build up our repertoire of Theta Tau songs, Julius Ritter, our Regent, has inaugurated a contest, with prizes for the best songs, the prizes for which are as follows:

First-- All the beer the winner can drink in any night after a Theta Tau meeting, (Ed. Note: Better buy a keg Ritter, it'll be cheaper.)

Second-- A Theta Tau banner, such as we have in the Engineers' Lounge.

The competition held will be keen, Brothers, so sharpen up your wits and start writing now.

The Fraternity held a party "for the graduating seniors", Dirk Brady and Bob Weston, at Chet Thom's house on Saturday night, June 12th. It sure was a swell affair and the flowers we sent to Mrs. Thom were not even almost enough to express our appreciation. Chet, THETA TAU wishes to thank you from the bottom of its heart for the use of your "little white house" and we're looking forward to using it again. Drop down to the meetings. Chet; we'll be glad to see you.

Brothers Shytte, Dedick, and Brady have left town, the first two as officers in the Navy and the last as a Merchant Marine.

Hal Thomason and Cliff Willimasen are now at Yale, Winteer in Florida and Summer at Yale. What a life.

Brother Joe Harman is now on Duluth, Minn., as Lt. Comdr. in the Navy.

Remember, brothers, each meeting a letter will be written to a man in the service.

ENGINEERS' COUNCIL

The Engineers' Council is under new management, but it is expected to roll along as usual, with the Engineers' Ball, Engineers Snacker, and the three Engineers' Mixers as the main social events of the year, not to mention rumors of an Engineers' Summer Party on the campus.

The new members and officers are as follows:

ASCE- Bill Randall - Vice President
Dann Andrich - Program Director
ASME- Bill Sibert
Jim Kincaid - Treasurer
AIEE- Ned Schreiner
Fred Holcomb - President
OT- Julius Ritter
Rafe Cahn-Social Chairman
ST- Joe Ballard - Secretary
Dominic Toffolo
Delegate-at-Large-
Lou Berkley-Delegate to Student Council

It might be well to spend a few moments here to explain what and why the Engineers council is. In the first place, it is made up of eleven members, two delegates elected from each society and fraternity, the eleventh member elected from the school at large by the ten members previously elected. These men, who meet every month, have 3 big jobs; (1) to coordinate the activities of the engineering organizations so that there will be no conflicts of schedules; (2) to sponsor the Engineers' Ball, Snacker, and three Mixers; and (3) to represent the Engineers as a body in anything that may require such representation.

These men are elected to the Council by all active Engineers on the campus and they try their best to carry out the wishes of this Student Body. In the past they have done such things as getting the Engineers a lounge, sponsored an Engineers' Paper (The Mecheleciv), erected the Engineers' Christmas tree, contributed to an Engineers' Library, obtained representation on the Student Council and a host of other things.

SIGMA TAU
THE LITTLE PYRAMID OF XI CHAPTER

It has always been one of the institutions of the school that the members of Sigma Tau Fraternity always be available to help men in the engineering school who feel themselves slipping in some of their subjects. Jimmy Pastoriza's class in mechanics is an example that many men will remember. However, due to the pressure of other duties during the past two semesters, XI Chapter has felt it necessary to withdraw this service.

Feeling that such a service is worthwhile and often necessary, the Fraternity has decided to once more be of such use as busy schedules will allow. If any reader feels in need of coaching in any of the engineering subjects or related courses, he should leave his name with Miss Madigan in the Dean's office, or write his name and telephone number on a card and drop it in the Mecheleciv Mail Box. It will help matters considerably if the student will have formed some idea of his weakness, so that no time need be wasted discussing matters already understood.

To go, perhaps, to the other extreme, it might be well to say something about the Sigma Tau Freshman Award. This is a medal given each year to the qualified freshman who completes his course with the highest average. The winner last year was Harry McNaughton, who, unfortunately for the school, chose to serve his country in the Navy instead of as an engineer. XI Chapter, in making this award, hopes to bring forcibly to the attention of the Freshmen that they are not unnoticed by the upperclassmen, even though most of your classes are separated from us. We realize that in the not very distant future you will be running this school's activities. We want to leave them in good hands.

Any man on the campus is invited to the Council meetings, announced in the Mecheleciv, to contribute ideas or just to sit in on the fun. Come on down, we'll be looking for you.

SCHOOL DAZE

"A pessimist is one who thinks all women are immoral." The optimist is one who merely hopes so.

Plenty of men can do good work for a spurt and with immediate promotion in mind, but for promotion you want a man in whom good work has become a habit.

An old gentleman dropped something on the floor of the theater and was making a great fuss trying to recover it. Finally a lady near him asked what he had lost.

"A chocolate caramel," replied the man.

"All that fuss over a piece of candy?" said the lady, in a rather disgusted tone.

"Yes," said he, "my teeth are in it!"

It is surmounting difficulties that makes heroes.

Proucher: "If there be anyone in the congregation who likes sin let him stand up--what's this, Sister Virginia, you like sin?"

Sister Virginia: "Oh pardon me, I thought you said gin."

Summer resort: A place where people go for sunshine and fresh air and then sit indoors and play bridge.

"I thought the doctor told you to stop all drinks?" "Well, what of it? You don't see any getting past me, do you?"

If a flirtation is innocent is isn't any fun.

"I don't think I look thirty, do you, dear?" "No, darling, not now; you used to!"

Sex, like automobiles and every thing else, has been so streamlined and glamorized, that some old fellows wish they could start all over again.

A consulting engineer who had heard the whereabouts of a client who had skipped, leaving the bill unpaid, sent him this note: :

"Will you please send me the amount of your bill, and oblige."

With no unnecessary delay came this answer. "The amount is \$140.00. Respectfully yours, etc."

If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you; but if you really make them think, they'll hate you.--

A cynic remarks that the fellow who coined the term "marriage altar" must have been an Englishman who dropped his h's.

"Call the manager," he said. "I never saw anything as tough as this steak."

"You will, sir," said the waiter, "if I call the manager."

When a tanker loaded with gas is sunk by an Axis submarine enough gas is lost to have driven 5,000 autos for a whole year at the normal rate.

Professor Akers--"What excuse have you for being so late?" Engineering student--"I ran so fast professor that I--I didn't have time to think up one."

Prof.--"So you cut my class again? Why?"

Student--"Class hatred."

Some wives are working wives, and some are working husbands.